

In his 22 years on the Capitol Police Force, Lonnie has demonstrated a willingness to help anyone who was in need. I appreciate very much his dedication to his job and his remarkable professionalism. As he enters his well-deserved retirement, Lonnie will be dearly missed by those who have had the opportunity to make his acquaintance. It is my honor and privilege to commend his outstanding service today and to wish him well in the years ahead.

I thank my senior staff member, Awilda Euill, who is with me on the floor today, a longtime admirer of Lonnie's. She assisted me in the preparation of this statement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING JUDGE FRANCIS X. HENNESSY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, Judge Francis X. Hennessy is no stranger to public service. Since 1976, when he began his service on the juvenile court, to his service as an appellate trial referee today, he has distinguished the State of Connecticut with his example of integrity and honor.

As remarkable as Judge Hennessy's record is, with service on the Connecticut Superior Court, deputy chief court administrator of the Judicial Branch, and as judge of the Appellate Court, even more impressive is his dedication to social equity. He has been a strong advocate for insuring equal access to the courts for women and minorities, co-chairing the Connecticut Task Force on Gender Justice and the Courts, and Connecticut's Task Force on Minority Fairness.

Judge Hennessy's grandchildren Teddy, John and Grace and his children Maura, Margaret Mary, Matthew and Mark must be proud to have such an exemplar of achievement to look up to. His wife Mary Frances celebrates and shares in Judge Hennessy's accomplishments on this occasion of his 75th birthday.

In addition to his legal career, Judge Hennessy served his country with bravery in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He received the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge. For this man, the call of duty extended beyond military service to enriching the community around him. He also served on Connecticut's State Library Board, on the Sheriff's Advisory Board, and the State Gaming Commission.

Judge Hennessy was born on September 11, 1930, in New York City, and has been a faithful servant of the State of Connecticut for the duration of his career. We in the U.S. Senate are proud and honored to congratulate Judge Hennessy on his many years of public service and offer him best wishes on the occasion of his 75th birthday.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On January 30, 1999, a 23-year-old disabled man was lured into an apartment in Keansburg, NJ. He was subjected to 3 hours of torture at the hands of 9 men and women. According to police, the abusers knew the man from their neighborhood, and ridiculed him constantly because of his disability.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

LCPL JAMES R. SARGENT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor and commend the service of a true West Virginia hero. LCPL James R. Sargent of the United States Marine Corps was one of many West Virginians who courageously fought in the Vietnam War. Lance Corporal Sargent's service was a testament to West Virginia's long storied patriotic tradition. A tradition that can be traced back to the days of George Washington, and one that is very much alive today. In the spirit of West Virginia patriotism, I praise Lance Corporal Sargent for his honorable service and contribution to our country.

On October 7, 2005, after having been declared Missing in Action for over 37 years, LCPL James R. Sargent will finally be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Lance Corporal Sargent was listed as missing on May 10, 1968, as his platoon provided artillery support in defense of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group camp known as Ngok Tavak. The Marine detachment was attacked by a prepared and well-equipped Viet Cong and North Vietnamese battalion of troops. For their bravery in battle, Lance Corporal Sargent's platoon received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from then Secretary of the Navy L.F. Chapman, Jr.

Lance Corporal Sargent was a native West Virginian from Anawalt in McDowell County. Like so many West Virginians, past and present, Lance Corporal Sargent heeded the Nation's call for service, and they deserve our gratitude and deep respect. I am hon-

ored to be able to pay respects to this brave West Virginian and his family and friends. After many years full of questions and grief, I hope that Lance Corporal Sargent's loved ones may finally have much deserved closure and peace of mind. His surviving family, friends, and fellow veterans should all be proud of his service, patriotism, and commitment to his country and its defense. For that matter, all Americans should be proud.

I ask that we all take a moment to remember all of the American soldiers who gave their lives in service to their country.●

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELIEF EFFORTS

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize and give thanks to the Jewish community's tremendous relief efforts in the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Countless Jewish individuals and organizations have stepped up to combat this national crisis, providing the victims of Hurricane Katrina with money, supplies and volunteers, while opening the doors of their homes, schools and synagogues.

I would like to highlight a few of these efforts.

Millions of dollars have been raised in the name of the Katrina victims. The United Jewish Communities, local federations throughout the United States and Canada, and their partners have raised at least \$14 million, including a \$500,000 donation given by the Baltimore-based Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Inc. The Weinberg Foundation gave another \$500,000 to Catholic Relief Charities. A smaller, but no less inspiring, fund was raised by students of the Sacramento, CA Shalom School, which donated proceeds from sales of their Rosh Hashanah honey pots.

Educational aid for displaced students has come from Jewish organizations such as the Avi Chai Foundation, a group sending emergency grant money to the dozens of Jewish day schools that are admitting evacuees into their classrooms. And the Jewish Agency for Israel, MASA—the Gateway to Long-Term Israel Programs and Hillel are coordinating efforts to allow displaced students to take classes at Israeli universities.

I would also like to recognize the synagogues that are contributing their resources to the effort by providing housing, schooling and free synagogue memberships—even adopting other synagogues in impacted states damaged by the storm.

But the Jewish assistance provided to the victims of Hurricane Katrina does not stop at our borders. The State of Israel has been incredibly generous as well, donating 80 tons of supplies including 15 tons of bottled water, 4 tons of rations, 4 tons of diapers, 1 ton of baby food, Medical supplies including adult and children's wheelchairs and